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The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter of 7 February 1986, that seeks my response "in writing" to concerns expressed to you by some unidentified individuals that the Central Intelligence Agency may be involved in harassment of certain U.S. church and legal aid groups assisting Central American immigrants.

Frankly, Mr. Chairman, I am deeply disappointed and personally offended at being asked to dignify such patently spurious concerns with a written response. As your letter acknowledges, Agency officials have repeatedly and categorically assured your staff that we have not done, and would never do, any such thing. I am mystified and saddened that these assurances were apparently not enough for you, particularly when taken together with your own close familiarity over the years with our people and our activities.

In any event, since it is evidently the only way that you feel this matter can be put finally to rest, let me state as clearly and explicitly as I can that this Agency has not engaged in the kinds of activities you have outlined, nor would we support or condone in any way, shape or form any activities that violate the constitutional or other legal protections afforded any United States citizens and organizations.

Sincerely,

/s/ WILLIAM J. CASEY

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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